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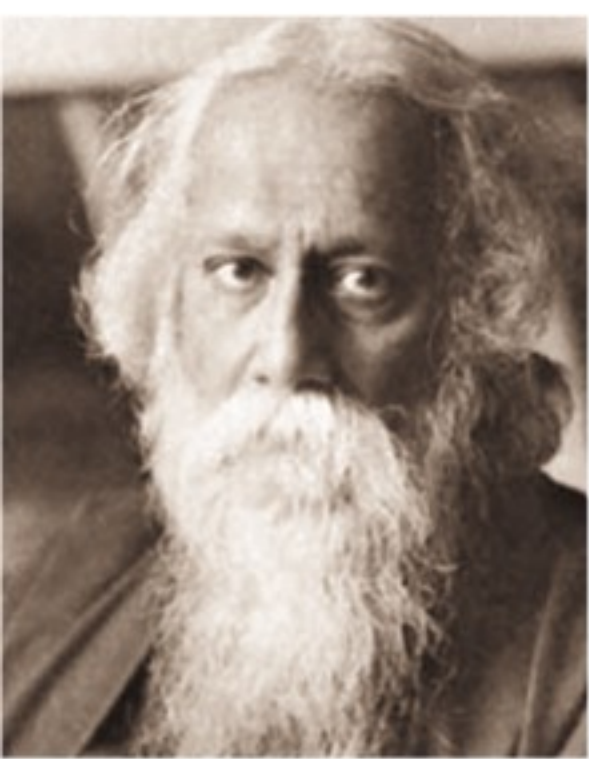
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## Rabindra Utshab begins today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

To mark the 150th birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore, a three-day Rabindra Utshab will begin today in the city.

To set the festivities in motion, music school Shurer Dhara, run by eminent Rabindrasangeet singer Rezwana Chowdhury Banya, has organised a gala event at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre which will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the afternoon.

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PRAYER TIMING December 29		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5:30	6:05
Zohr	12:45	1:15
Asr	4:00	4:15
Maghrib	5:27	5:30
Esha	7:00	7:30
Source: Islamic Foundation		

## JSC EXAM RESULTS

# Urban students perform better

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As observed before, this year's Junior Scholarship Certificate (JSC) examination results showed again the widening gap in the standard of education between urban and rural areas of the country.

Urban schools have again topped the list in all education boards' results.

Though authorities say schools in rural areas are doing well in terms of overall pass rates, urban schools - particularly in metropolitan cities - have produced the best results over the last decade.

Urban students fare better than students in rural areas as they have access to private tuitions in addition to extensive classroom teaching, some board officials wishing anonymity say.

Rural students from poor families struggle to obtain pass marks as schools don't provide them with good

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Journalists barricade Topkhana Road for two hours after their colleague Nikhil, inset, was run over by a bus in front of Jatiya Press Club yesterday. Nikhil, lost his right leg.



## Journalist loses leg as bus runs him over

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Journalist Nikhil Bhadra lost his leg yesterday, hours after a BRTC bus ran him over in front of Jatiya Press Club in the morning.

Witnesses said the bus run by BRTC (Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation) hit the 38-year-old senior reporter of Bangla daily Kaler Kantha around 9:45am while he was crossing the road.

Doctors at National Orthopaedic Hospital and Rehabilitation Institute

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# War crimes charges sent back again

*Flaws in submission of charges against Mojaheed, Kamaruzzaman; tribunal accepts Quader Molla's charges*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The prosecution suffered its second setback in a week yesterday as the International Crimes Tribunal refused to consider the war crimes charges against

Jamaat-e-Islami leaders Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed and Muhammad Kamaruzzaman because of flawed paper work and documentation.

The tribunal asked the chief prosecutor

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## The same allegation

*Sayedee's counsel blames witness for 'false statement'*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Counsels for Jamaat-e-Islami leader Delawar Hossain Sayedee yesterday tried to discredit the testimony of the sixth prosecution witness claiming that he has made a false statement in

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# Tackle use of black money

*Candidates of Comilla city polls urge CEC*

RAKIB HASNET SUMAN, back from Comilla

Many candidates of Comilla City Corporation polls yesterday alleged that black money is being distributed among voters by their opponents.

They were also critical of law enforcement agencies' failure to recover illegal arms in the city.


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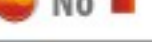
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ONLINE POLL

Do you think the BNP made a wise decision by agreeing to join the talks with the president on forming the next Election Commission?

Yes  (87.4%)

No  (9.9%)

No Comments  (2.7%)

TOTAL VOTES: 486

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think government officials will respond to the Anti-Corruption Commission's call to provide information on corruption along with evidence?

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